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"PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" - SOVIET STYLE

Significance of "Peaceful Coexistence"

The Soviet use of the term "peaceful coexistence" capitalizes upon man's natural desire for peace. The contrast between Soviet pronouncements and Soviet deeds has created great confusion in the minds of men. To clarify ^{this} condition, it is necessary to examine Soviet policy as guided by Communist theoretical reasoning. The principle of "peaceful coexistence" is a smoke screen designed to conceal the true designs of the international Communist movement as delineated by Marx and Engels, and later by Lenin and Stalin. It is only one of the methods which the Communists have been using in a variety of tactics and which reflects a temporary shift of emphasis in their over-all strategy of fomenting world revolution.

"Peaceful coexistence" is not new in the program of the Soviet Government. Emphasis on this policy is dictated by the current position of the Soviet Union in world affairs. It also conforms with the basic ideology of Marx as interpreted by Lenin and Stalin. In order to understand the term, a basic distinction must be made between foreign policy of the U.S.S.R. and the organized world international Communist movement. It is only the tool of the latter.

Communist Theory and Practice

Official pronouncements made by the Communist parties of the world and the Soviet Union have, in the past, raised the issue of "peaceful

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"coexistence" as a program for world peace. Such announcements invariably raise the question among the countries of the free world of whether a change of policy is taking place or merely a temporary shift in tactics. These questions can easily be answered by examining the basic doctrines of the Soviet Communist Party. Pronouncements are propaganda, but Communist ideology is implemented as militant policy. The Soviet Communist Party, which sets these policies, regards itself as infallible. To follow Party policy is both the right and duty of the regime.

Communist theory states that the principal task of the Party is to follow world events closely, and interpret them correctly, particularly crises in various countries, in order to seize the right moment in which to launch a revolution. Theoretical Communism holds that the class struggle is inevitable, that Communist principles must be interpreted in a universal sense and that it is impossible to develop a completely Communist society until the entire world is Communist.

The Communists regard their ideological heritage as having a more dominant influence in the formulation of policy than other factors. The dictates of the Party are, therefore, more important than the decisions of the policy-making bodies created by the Constitution of the U.S.S.R. The enlargement of a policy of "peaceful coexistence" at any time, either by the Communist parties of the world or the Soviet Union, is no more than a tactic designed to advance the international Communist movement.

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"Peaceful Coexistence" - Soviet Policy

The present emphasis on "peaceful coexistence" is the 1955 version of a theme that has been dominant in Communist propaganda since late 1947. This latter date is significant for in October 1947 the Soviet Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party established the Cominform. This act constituted, in effect, a declaration of economic and political warfare against the United States, and heralded the beginning of the "cold war." Thus, the East-West split was formally acknowledged.

Paradoxical as it may seem, the "Peace" campaign was a direct sequel to, and a consequence of, the proclamation of the "cold war." For seven years it has been in practice as an instrument of the "cold war."

The proclamation of Andrei Zhdanov at one of the early meetings of the Cominform laid down the doctrine of two camps—one headed by the Soviet Union and the other by the United States and Great Britain. This was no new doctrine, since it had been stated repeatedly by Lenin and Stalin. Zhdanov merely made it plain to that body that the universal desire of man for peace was to be perverted and exploited in an effort to persuade him to support Communist parties and Soviet policy.

Historical Development

Eugene Dennis, the American Communist, declared that "peaceful coexistence" was the "bed-rock foundation of the foreign policy of the Soviet State." Since the Communists continue to reiterate this, development

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of this policy must be considered.

During the period of March 1917 to July 1921, generally known as "the development and isolation period", the Bolsheviks seized control of the state and established the U.S.S.R. Their goal was the overthrow of all existing governments and the establishment of a global Communist state. In 1919 Moscow became the seat of the world-wide Communist Third International. One of the main principles laid down during the period was that no tactical move or policy was inconsistent with Communist principles, so long as it advances the cause of world revolution. As early as 1919, "peaceful coexistence" was one of the tactics adopted as Soviet policy.

During 1921-1932, the rapprochement period, the Soviet Union sought to establish its internal security by treaties and agreements of non-aggression, non-intervention and neutrality pacts. Moscow subscribed to international peace movements, but again the widely subversive activities of the Communist International proved governmental actions as mere tactical moves made necessary by the weakness of the Soviet State.

The period 1933-1939 was largely characterized by efforts to establish a system of collective security in the face of the expansionism of Germany and Japan. The factors regulating Soviet policy were collective security, peace, universal disarmament and the United Front. But the Communist International continued to work underground to build a world Communist society.

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The period 1939-1946 was occupied by the Soviet Union's war for survival against the Nazis. During the 1947-1955 period—that of the Cominform—the U.S.S.R. has embarked on a vast propaganda campaign for "peaceful coexistence," [~] While at the same time engaging in subversion of Czechoslovakia, war in China, aggression in Korea, Malaya and Indochina, and continued subversive activities of the international Communist movement throughout the world.

International Communist Movement

During the entire period 1919 to date, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union covertly directed—as it continues to direct and implement—Communist basic doctrine, which never changes or vacillates. Militant groups of Soviet colonists, mostly indigenous to the country they are to subvert, are trained in Moscow. They are then returned to their native countries and actively engage in activities designed to destroy the existing forms of government and to establish piecemeal the Soviet Socialist Republics of the world. Control of the satellites is more direct and open. Party leaders in the satellites have in virtually all cases been trained in Moscow and to all intents and purposes they are Soviet citizens, completely subservient to Moscow. Army and police controls are also direct and in most cases overt.

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The Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union contains the Section for Liaison with Foreign Communist Parties. This is usually referred to as the Foreign Section of the Central Committee. It directs, controls and supports world-wide Communist movements. It also directs and controls Communist-"front" organizations, the Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, Anti-Fascist Soviet Youth Committee, the Anti-Fascist Soviet Women's Committee and the World Peace Council.

The Communists have used many and varied organizations to throw up their smoke screen of "peaceful coexistence." One of the principal and most specialized is the World Peace Council. Its campaigns are supported by all Communist "front" organizations. From its headquarters in Vienna, the Permanent Executive Bureau, composed of 50 members (24 known Communists and 19 closely associated with the Communist Party), issues resolutions for approval by "World Peace Congresses." These Congresses adopt resolutions without question. The purpose of all resolutions is to promote the political aims of the U.S.S.R. by exploiting the universal desire for peace.

Whatever the "front" or vehicle used to promote their peace campaign, the Soviets keep tightly in their own hands the control and finances of what is often represented as a spontaneous popular movement. They assure Communist majorities on all committees and "bureaus" which issue instructions, draft resolutions and organize conferences.

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Communist Party, USA — The Communist Party, USA, in its official pronouncements has put forward "peaceful coexistence" as a program for world peace. United States Communist Party leaders by their statements have shown that "peaceful coexistence" is a policy of the U.S. Communist Party and the Soviet Union alike. The duplicity of these statements, on the other hand, is revealed by their ideological motivation. U.S. Party leaders openly state that "the first great strength of the Communist Parties in all countries is their scientific Marxist-Leninist theory" and that "flexibility in strategy and tactics and orthodoxy in matters of principle are the Communist rule. This theory has only one objective—that of turning the wheel forward until the world-wide union of Socialist Republics shall have been established."

"Peaceful Coexistence" in Asia. — The Soviet Union's executive agent for the advancement of Communism in Asia is Communist China. Peking has repeatedly put forward as a basis of "peaceful coexistence" their "Five Principles":

1. Mutual respect for each other's territorial integrity and sovereignty.
2. Mutual non-aggression.
3. Mutual non-interference in each other's internal affairs.
4. Equality and mutual benefit.
5. Peaceful coexistence.

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These principles are merely slogans of the official Chinese Communist propaganda machine. If they are examined closely, they all mean very much the same thing and are the principles which govern actual relations between most non-Communist states, although they are not set down in writing. The Chinese Communist Government evidently considered that they needed to announce these slogans because their normal conduct of international relations is so blatantly abnormal.

The Chinese Communists, taking their orders from the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party, first issued these slogans after their aggressive annexation of Tibet in 1950. But during 1950 they were also engaged in open aggression in Korea and Indochina. This is further proof that underlying Communist doctrine and not open pronouncements govern their policies and practices.

The "Five Principles" were reasserted in a different context after the Geneva Agreement when Chou En-lai visited New Delhi and Rangoon. Again this was overt propaganda while Communist subversion continued. Mao Tse-Tung, the Chinese Communist leader, openly asserted the Communists' true principles on the 25th Anniversary of the Communist Party of China. In his dissertation, "The Dictatorship of the People's Democracy," which still governs their policies, he stated: "It is impossible to sit on the fence...no third road exists."

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Mao Tse-tung further elaborated:

"There are social sectors, there are countries which have real party politics, a democratic life, real civil liberties. In such places one adopts the Popular Front, to attract the left-wingers and the leftist groups, good or bad, sincere or not. Tempt them, each through his particular weakness, as the devil tempts. Help them to get what they want; put pressure, first with offers, later with threats. Compromise them if you can, so that they can't get away. And this every day, without respite, one after the other with as deep a psychological study of each as possible."

Conclusion

"Peaceful coexistence" is a tactic in the strategy of International Communism. The actions which Communists must take in terms of strategy are basic and never change. Although Communist policy dictates that the basis of relations with other countries is the "coexistence" of two opposed systems, they openly admit that the purpose of this doctrine is to delay war until the Communist revolution reopens in Europe or until colonial revolutions come to a head. Until this happens, the maintenance of peaceful relations is an obligatory task.

In order to bring about these revolutions, Communists operate under the theory that it is possible to conquer the most powerful enemy by taking thorough and skillful advantage of every "fissure", however small; by using every possible means to gain an ally, even though this ally be temporary and vacillating; and by proselyting for peace they are covertly carrying out the best defense of the U.S.S.R. The Communists themselves state that "Those who do not understand this do not understand even a grain

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of Marxism and of scientific modern socialism in general."

Therefore, it is obvious that while espousing "peace" and "peaceful coexistence", the Communists continue a drive toward absolute mastery of the world. Their tactics are all to be found within the framework of a carefully constructed and all-embracing plan based upon Marx-Engels as interpreted by Stalin and Lenin.

In a relatively short period of 30 years, Moscow-directed colonial imperialism has met with considerable success. It has fixed an iron grip on the millions of non-Russians within the boundaries of the U.S.S.R. It has established rigid domination over the Eastern European puppet states. It has brought Communist China into its orbit. From China it has spread out to Korea, Indochina and Southeast Asia. The long arm of Communism has extended from Moscow through Prague to Latin America. In all important areas not under Communist rule it has had varying degrees of success by a subtle and powerful subversion of free governments.

As has been demonstrated to the world, Soviet-Communist leaders openly preach "peaceful coexistence", while at the same time they expound the classics of Marxism which teach that in the sphere of theory there can be no concessions. As a result, the people of Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Bulgaria, Rumania, East Germany Czechoslovakia, North Korea, Communist China and North Vietnam have now been incorporated into the Soviet orbit against a strident, continuous background of "Peaceful Coexistence - Soviet Style."

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